

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

08/889,355

Applicant(s)

ENGLER ET AL.

Examiner

Michael C. Wilson

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5-5-05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 41,54 and 55.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 08 July 1997 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

MICHAEL WILSON
PRIMARY EXAMINER



REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-40, 42-53 and 56 have been canceled. Claims 41, 54 and 55 remain pending in the instant application.

The effective filing date of the claimed invention remains July 8, 1997.

Election/Restrictions

Claim 54 has been recombined with claims 41 and 55 in view of applicants' arguments. Applicants argue claim 54 names a compound that falls within the scope of the elected inventive group. The structure of 3'-N-gluconamidopropyl-3"-N-cholamidopropyl-N-cholamide is within the genus of compound originally claimed. It is readily apparent that the structure of "3'-N-gluconamidopropyl-3"-N-cholamidopropyl-N-cholamide" referred to on pg 31, line 2 (Example 12) is within the genus of claim 41 as originally claimed.

Claims 41, 54 and 55 are under consideration.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

New Matter

The rejection of claims 41 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, new matter regarding the structure of the cholic acid group as amended on 9-2-04 has been withdrawn in view of applicants arguments and Example 12. Claim 54 has support in Example 12.

Written Description

The rejection of claims 41 and 55 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, written description regarding the structure of Impurity II and how the cholic acid group was attached to Formula I has been withdrawn in view of applicants' arguments and Example 12. Claim 54 was adequately described in Example 12.

Enablement

The rejection of claim 41 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention has been withdrawn in view of Example 12. Claims 54 and 55 are enabled in Example 12.

Indefiniteness

The rejection of claims 41 and 55 as being indefinite because the structures encompassed by the claims are unclear has been withdrawn in view of applicants' arguments. Claim 54 is definite because one of skill would have been able to determine the structure using the chemical steps of Example 12.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Michael C. Wilson

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